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If the condition of the president was not more "hopeful" it was certainly less critical yesterday at noon.

"We appeal to all honest men," says a republican exchange, concluding an elaborate argument. Why should our contemporary deliberates decide to go outside of your party for an audience?

The able editor of the Chatanooga Times fairly rocks with sensational information. He says that too much study in his younger days has given the president dyspepsia, as well as hemorrhoids.

The esteemed Macon Drouth has announced his opposition to Mormonism. "We heartily wish," says the esteemed Drouth, "that we could rid ourselves of it in all its forms." We shall be glad to aid our contemporary in this reform.

Mr. CONKLING has again ordered a newspaper reporter to be brought before him in order to express his sympathy for Mr. Garfield. This is a curious world. Mr. Conkling sympathizes with the president, but who sympathizes with Mr. Conkling?

The Boston Post is in favor of biennial sessions of the legislature, and the Post is right. The people can't have too much of a good thing. Biennial sessions in Georgia keep the legislature together six months every year. We are glad to see the Post endorses the system.

It is hinted that General Chalmers will accept the nomination for governor of Mississippi as the representative of a republican-greenback-independent convention. Nobody would be surprised for nobody doubts that Chalmers could play the role of Maitland to perfection. The truth is, the moment a bourbon uncle has to pieces.

The Courier-Journal says that "if the next twenty-five years mark as great an advance in the operation of the railroads as the past twenty-five have done" there will be, then, little cause for governmental interference." This is undoubtedly true, if the government does not regulate the railroads during the next twenty-five years, the railroads will regulate and control the government. For our part, we are not willing to see the experiment tried.

In the creation of the facial relief, to the discovery of free-state water in southwest Georgia, the impression has been left, particularly by papers at a distance, that the limestone water of that region is unhealthy. This is a mistake. Limestone water, so far from being unhealthy, is prescribed as a remedy in various diseases. The great difficulty in southern and southwest Georgia is the fact that, in digging wells, water is reached a few feet below the surface. These wells are therefore comparatively shallow, and they become after a time the receptacle of the surface seepage and drainage. In middle and north Georgia the wells are deeper and the water therein is less liable to be contaminated. The artesian well not only supplies pure water, but is beyond the reach of surface drainage.

A TELEGRAM FROM NEW YORK to the Courier-Journal bearing upon the political condition of the Mississippi, etc. "In this emergency General Grant bears himself coolly and well possessed, and many gentlemen express satisfaction that Arthur has his friendship and advice in this trying time." We have no doubt whatever that General Grant is cool and self-possessed, nor do we have any doubt that this coolness and self-possession is as the result of the president. There is no reason why General Grant should be other than cool, since, unless he expects Arthur, in the event of the accession of the latter, to appoint him to a place on the supreme bench or give him a place in the cabinet, he has no more interest in or connection with the future of the government than a sponge-gatherer in the Florida reefs.

The Spanish Influenza comes to the front with a violent protest against the present lease system. It declared that for the state to create a present and prospective interest in the services of criminals and sell it for a money consideration is an outrageous prostitution of a solemn right and duty that degrades punitive justice to the low level of the slave market. There is no sentimentalism or gush in the article of the Ishmaelites, and it brings the discussion back to the point where THE CONSTITUTION left it two years ago when the politicians and the press were striking agonizing attitudes over the system. We have never defended that system, nor do we propose now to defend it. Whatever is wrong about it is inherently wrong. We have dealt, flippantly with the gush of the sentimentalists and with the roar and rant of demagogues; we have criticized the recent legislative report because it contained unintentional errors of statement which interfered with its value as a legislative document; and we have opposed the proposition to appropriate \$25,000 of the people's money in the creation of new and useless offices; but, at the same time, we have never failed to call for the system itself. On the contrary, THE CONSTITUTION pointed out long ago that the legislation, together with all the wrongs connected with it or that might be traced to it, is one of the inheritances of radicalism in Georgia, for which the heat thought of the state has found no remedy. It may be charged here that it was ratified and perpetuated by a democratic legislature, but this was in the nature of an experiment. A new class of criminals which had previously been amenable to the discipline of the plantation, conspired to make the future of our punitive system a problem indeed, and it yet is a problem, especially, as far as possible.

Our sports contemporary, intellectually the peer of any journal in the South, deserves the system to the hilt.

most respectfully suggest in this connection that to abolish the chain-gang without adopting a better one, so far as we have discovered a method of construction of vessels whereby the resistance of water is greatly diminished and the speed increased, would add to the difficulty of the problem. This is a matter of such profound importance as to challenge the wisdom of the wise in the state. It is a question that has a wider scope than the amelioration of the condition of those who have forfeited liberty by raising their hands against the peace, welfare and good order of society. It is not sufficient to declare that the chain-gang shall be abolished. The discussion must go further than this. What other system shall be adopted? Shall the new system be made self-sustaining? Is it to be a chain-gang and if so how? Should we be pleased to have the question discussed by our state contemporaries, demagogues and sentimentalists, but in the interest of society.

The Philadelphia Association.

This is a very significant fact, and one to which we desire to call the attention of the intelligent colored people of Georgia, that the appointment of two negro professors by the democratic mayor of Philadelphia has created a great sensation not only in that city but in all parts of the north. The comment in the republican papers is very definitely shaded.

Some of the superlative editors regard the affair as a preposterous political trick, while others are disposed to take a humorous view of the matter, but in no case has that fact been denied.

Bancroft is constantly on work on his history of the United States. He is not yet at the fatigue of writing his history, but some seasons when just off short hand what he dictates.

"What kind of a mark is that?" said the professor, pointing to a mark on his nose. "It is a question mark," replied the other, "got it for a question mark?"

"My nose is a woman," said Bancroft.

"I could not put my foot down to the floor, even for instance." I used it this evening for the first time, and it was not until the second time, and then afterwards, that I got it off again. I was walking around and saw a few steps away a man who was about my room, and went down stairs by the stairs and went up again. It is a wondrous pain. It shall go out in a couple of days, weather permitting. Just think! I have got a question mark on my nose almost free from pain. It is a wondrous pain. I will buy it with the closest of attention, and it will be a great collector's item."

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